

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, December 17, 2012, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman John Clark

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Mike McIntire

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Clerk Angie Marshall. Absent: Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** City Manager Campbell confirmed for Alderman Segelhorst that the winery project was still on schedule concerning the golf maintenance building to be removed by January 18th, 2013. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave details on the reopening of Gibson Mill Road, noting that once it was open, the contractor would still be working on sidewalks and cleanup issues. Mr. McReynolds discussed the plans to widen Sullivan Street. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt provided information on the progress at the Farmer's Market. Alderman McIntire requested the BMA tour the Fordtown Road realignment at some point in the future. Mayor Phillips commented that Matthew Lane with the Times-News should be invited to attend these tours.
4. **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE.** Mr. Frank Brewer provided details on the latest progress, noting the entire floor and walls of the outside pool were finished last Friday. He also stated they are starting to pipe the lazy river. He pointed out the schedule will continue to vary as the risk of delays goes up and down, citing bad weather, product delivery, equipment failure and regulatory approvals all affect the estimated completion date.

Alderman Shupe asked about the status of hiring a general manager and Mr. McCartt stated the position should be filled in three weeks. He also mentioned the hotel has booked their first event related to the new pool.
5. **KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS UPDATE.** Dr. Lyle Ailshie, Superintendent, stated that in light of the recent school shooting in Connecticut, the safety policy was reviewed and a new process was put in place today. He provided the altered holiday schedule for the Central Office and gave an update on the wireless installation at the schools. He pointed out the new wi-fi system would allow police officers the ability to access the school's interior cameras from their police cruisers. Dr. Ailshie stated the annual report was underway and a new twelve month calendar will feature highlights and measure for every school and the school board each month.

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6. DISCUSS OPERATING CONTRACT WITH MARRIOTT FOR CATTAILS GOLF COURSE. City Manager Campbell provided details on this item, noting the current contract does not expire until June 2013, but Marriott is agreeable to the City's proposed changes and would like to implement the new agreement by the end of the year. Mr. Campbell gave a summary to the Board of these changes. Some of the issues addressed were the delegation of authority, ownership of the course, term of the agreement and specifics concerning marketing and promotion. City Attorney Billingsley provided further details and answered questions. He noted there was also a termination provision stating if Marriott doesn't make their requirements within two years the contract can be terminated. The BMA agreed this item should be added to the agenda before the business meeting tomorrow night.

7. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 18, 2012 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Two (2) Single Axle Dump Trucks to Smoky Mountain Truck Center, LLC (AF: 346-2012). City Manager Campbell stated these were replacement vehicles. Alderman Segelhorst questioned why a fire truck couldn't be purchased ready to go into service like these vehicles were. Fleet Manager Steve Hightower explained it was for audit purposes; since additions to the fire trucks can be moved to another truck, whereas these attachments, like the plows, are fixed assets for a specific truck. Mayor Phillips asked if these vehicles were only used as snow plows. Mr. Hightower clarified they are used year round with the plows removed, although they are still assigned to the same truck. Alderman Shupe asked about the second fire truck that was supposed to be purchased last year and Mr. Hightower explained they are still waiting on grant feedback and will hopefully know in January or February. If the grant is denied, the BMA will have to decide if they still want to purchase this truck.

VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Two (2) Tandem Axle Dump Trucks to Smoky Mountain Truck Center, LLC (AF: 347-2012). City Manager Campbell stated these new vehicles were being added to the fleet due to growth.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for the Upgrade of Internet Access with Century Link (AF: 357-2012). City Manager Campbell gave information on this item, noting this referred to the bandwidth that was asked about previously by the BMA over at the Justice Center. Alderman Joh asked if there was any news on providing wi-fi to city buildings. IT Manager Terry Wexler stated a complete analysis is being done for all city buildings, pointing out the wiring has been completed in City Hall and they are currently working on Development Services. The outlying buildings will follow. Mr. Wexler stated the holdup would be funding, noting the total project cost was about \$72,000. Alderman Joh commented that didn't sound like much and stated we need to find a way to complete this.

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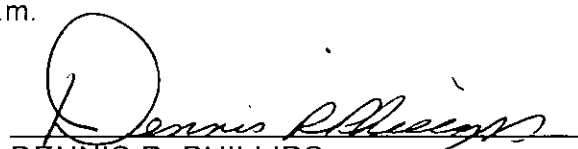
VII.3 Adoption of the 2013 Joint Tri-Cities Legislative Agenda (AF: 355-2012). Community and Government Relations Director Tim Whaley provided details on this item and stated that Bristol and Johnson City have already approved this agenda. He also invited the BMA to attend the presentation of this agenda to the Lieutenant Governor and state representatives on Friday, January 4, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Millennium Center in Johnson City. Alderman Clark remarked the categories were broken down nicely and easy to understand. Mayor Phillips commented on the item referring to a policy change allowing the sale of bonds for road projects, noting a current selling point for Tennessee is the fact that we don't do this now. Mr. Whaley explained the rationale is to take advantage of low rates in addition to the fact these projects are utilized by several generations of people and thus should be paid for in that manor. The mayor also pointed out that Tennessee's laws concerning alcohol sales were outdated compared to other states and could be costing economic development opportunities. Mr. Whaley stated this may be addressed in the future through a local referendum.

BOARD COMMENT. Alderman Clark complemented the write-up the BMA received regarding worker's compensation from risk management. Alderman McIntire pointed out these statistics were still horrifying, noting the city had a higher percentage of injuries than both the state and national average. Alderman Segelhorst stated the BMA needed to make this a priority and should receive regular updates on the tickler regarding workers comp injuries, including employees of the school system. Mayor Phillips commented that once a month would be sufficient to report this information. There was considerable discussion on this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

8. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor